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**FIFTY FAMILIES
MADE HOMELESS**

**FIRE SWEEPS OVER VICTORIA,
INFLECTING A LOSS OF
OVER \$175,000.**

**Lack of Water and Fierce Wind Add
Fury to the Flames, Which
Swept Over a Mile of City.**

Victoria, B. C., July 24.—Fire started in the lower section of the city last night and fanned by a wind blowing at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour it spread rapidly to the adjoining buildings. The department was helpless owing to the lack of water. It was the fiercest fire known in the history of the city and fifty families are now homeless.

The extent of the fire is about one mile by a half mile. Nearly every house in the district has been burned. The loss is estimated to be about \$175,000.

Telephone and electric wires are down. The fire started in a small blacksmith shop at the corner of Herald and Store streets.

Included in the destruction were three churches. The brewery was saved, the employes of the house acting as firemen. When it was thought the eastern portion of the city was doomed the wind dropped and the firemen soon got the fire under control.

Although no lives were reported lost, there were some narrow escapes.

The burnt district is bounded on the west by Store street, on the south by Herald, as far east as Blanshard. The flames jumped to Pioneer, but in this block only a few residences were consumed. The south side of North Chatham as far as Cook street formed the next boundary, while on the north it extended to Pembroke street. Included in the burned area is part of Chinatown and not a single house in the tenderloin remains standing. The residential portion also suffered considerably, and it is estimated at least fifty families are homeless.

To Bring Industrial Peace.

San Francisco, July 24.—Three hundred delegates attended the opening of the Industrial Peace Conference at Christian Science Hall this morning. These represented all the labor organizations, women's clubs and prominent business men of San Francisco and delegates from different cities in the Union were also in attendance.

Labor Commissioner Neill was suddenly called out of town, but sent his regrets to the convention. Secretaries Metcalf and Straus were not present, but are expected to attend the session later.

The convention did little business this morning other than that of organizing and the reception of delegates. A. W. Scott was elected temporary chairman and Bert L. Cadwallader temporary secretary.

"Lord Barrington" Receives Respite.
Jefferson City, Mo., July 24.—Governor Folk yesterday granted "Lord Barrington," under death sentence, a thirty-day respite, to August 26. Barrington was to have hanged on July 26.

STEAL TO AID HER MOTHER.

**Police Find \$3,000 in Plunder Hid-
den in Woman's Apartment.**

Chicago, July 24.—A mild-mannered, neatly-gowned woman, said by the police to be a daring burglar, was arrested yesterday and plunder worth \$3,000 was found in the apartments where she lived with her husband, a clerk in a downtown drug-store, and their three-year-old daughter. The woman is accused of more than a score of burglaries on the North Side in the last month.

The accused woman is Nellie Hants, 40 years old. She was captured as she was leaving a flat on Center street. In a satchel she carried were found a half dozen gold watches, several diamond rings and other jewelry. Nearly fifty skeleton keys were also in the satchel.

In her room the police recovered jewelry, silverware, clothing and household goods in profusion, most of which was identified by residents in the neighborhood. Her husband denied that he knew anything of his wife's crimes. He was held, however, as an accessory.

"I committed the robberies to get money to keep my aged mother for the rest of her life," was the woman's sobbing explanation.

SHOT DOWN BY LOVER

**GIRL SHOT TO DEATH BY A
JEALOUS ADMIRER AS SHE
ENTERS A STORE.**

New York, July 24.—While thousands of clerks and department store employes were hurrying to their work this morning, Esther Norling, a pretty 20-year-old girl, was killed by a shot from a revolver held in the hand of Charles Warner, a former employer, at Forty-second and Broadway.

The girl was with A. R. Spicer, and the couple were entering a haberdasher's store, where both were employed, and the shooting took place.

Warner rushed through the throng of pedestrians and killed her. The sound of the shot and the fall of the dead girl created a panic. Hundreds gathered about the corner and began to throw bricks and missiles at the murderer.

Warner turned upon Spicer and emptied his revolver at him, but failed to hit him. Then rushing at him Warner struck the clerk over the head with the butt of the gun and knocked him down. Jumping over the prostrate forms, Warner disappeared into a near-by building.

In the excitement the janitor locked the door, preventing pursuit, and Warner escaped from the build- and has not yet been captured.

After escaping from the building Warner entered the store of John C. Wilson in Waverly place and fatally shot him.

Spicer said Warner, who is about 55 years of age, had been calling for Miss Norling each evening and that she had complained that his attentions annoyed her.

Hangs Herself and Six Children.

Copenhagen, July 24.—Mrs. Oscar Nelson, driven to distraction by the loss of her position as housekeeper for a landowner named Ullkjar, sought revenge today by hanging Ullkjar's three children. She then killed her own three children and hanged herself.

**PLEADING FOR
HAYWOOD'S LIFE**

**COUNSEL FOR DEFENSE ASKS
JURY NOT TO CONVICT AT BE-
HEST OF MINE OWNERS.**

**Orchard Is Denounced at the Mur-
derer of Steunenberg and Is
Scored by Richardson.**

Boise, Idaho, July 24.—Declaring Harry Orchard was a maniac possessed with a lust for murder—a desire to glut a disordered brain with the blood of his fellow man—Attorney E. F. Richardson, continuing his plea for the life of William D. Haywood, told the jury today that the defense was ready and willing to admit that Orchard accomplished the taking off of Governor Steunenberg in the manner described by him on the witness stand.

Orchard was painted as a man who fancied there was glory in spectacular crime. Day after day opportunity was offered to him to kill Governor Steunenberg in comparative safety to himself, but rather than so kill a man whose giant stature offered a target as big as a "barn door" Orchard planted a bomb and planned the deed so that it might attract the greatest amount of attention.

Richardson asserted that Orchard had a motive against Governor Steunenberg for the real or fancied loss of his interest in the Hercules mine through being driven out of the Coeur d'Alenes.

Of Orchard's story of his many attempts upon the lives of men said to have been marked for death by the federation, Mr. Richardson said it was the most absurd thing on the face of the earth. He declared that it would be a long time before the law would sanction a conviction on such testimony as had been adduced against Haywood and he pleaded with the jury not to put a halter around the neck of his client "at the behest of the Mine Owners' Association and its representatives."

"The general argument of the prosecution," said Mr. Richardson, "seems to be that the Federation of Miners stirred up things and the best way to secure quiet is to hang these leaders. If any one wants this, there will have to be wholesale hangings. The leaders of all factions, political, religious and labor, will all have to be put out of the way before quiet can be secured, and the law prohibits this."

Richardson denounced General Sherman Bell as the "veriest braggart the world ever knew." He declared that he, more than any other man in the history of this country, deserved the contempt of every labor man.

As to the disappearance of Jack Simpkins following the death of Governor Steunenberg, Attorney Richardson said he, too, would have fled to hiding under similar circumstances, although there was not an iota of evidence to connect Simpkins with the crime. Simpkins had had one experience in an Idaho bullpen and felt his only safety was in flight.

Attorney Richardson announced that he would close his address to the Haywood jury today.

Say Execution Would Be Crime.

Karlsruhe, Germany, July 24.—That the execution of Karl Hau, found guilty of his mother-in-law's death, would be a deliberate state murder is the opinion shared by the Americans here. They believe him to be the victim of a legal persecution.

It is not thought that Hau will be decapitated, but that he will be given a life sentence.

Engine Crew Die of Burns.

Minneapolis, Minn., July 24.—In a collision yesterday between freight trains of the Great Northern and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul roads on a bridge near here, Engineer Serfess and Fireman Parker of the Great Northern engine were pinned in the wreckage and roasted to death.

Japan to Move Ex-Emperor Away.

Tokio, July 24.—The Korean ex-emperor who recently abdicated, and who is now in the hands of the Japanese, is to be removed into the interior in order to calm the mobs of the capital city, Seoul. Foreign Minister Hayashi held a conference this morning with the newspaper men and briefly outlined the policy of Japan in this crisis. It will be the object of Japan, according to Hayashi, to preserve the peace and uphold the laws. In Tokio the elder statesmen are in conference.

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